

**Monday: 28/12/20**  
**Proverbs 16:20**

When we were children we were given important lessons in school to help us through life. Now we are adults and are learning new lessons. The Bible gives us a range of tools to help .

In **1 Corinthians 13** we are reminded about the difference between our life as a child and as an adult. We are told to put away our childish ways.

The question may be asked here: How well have we grown? Do we actually take time to learn and understand what we are told each Sunday? Or do we walk away with a vague feeling that it was interesting but not relevant.

The challenge is to listen intently each Sunday and seek out how the scripture relates to you.

Lord, let me hear you Word intently.

**Tuesday: 29.12.20**  
**Ecclesiastes 10:12**

We live in peculiar times. Where celebrities can and will say anything that will make them look good. It really doesn't matter what it is that they say. Just as long as it is outlandish.

The Bible has warned us plenty of times about those who have itchy ears. As well as those who will amuse them with their clever words. In the book of **Matthew 7:15** we are told of those who will go as far as to twist and pervert the truth.

Our challenge is to discern what fools tell us and what the Bible tells us.

Lord, teach me your truths that I may not stray.

**Wednesday: 30.12.20**  
**Daniel 12:10**

There are those people we will encounter who rude, angry and aggressive. They push to the front of the line. They only see what they want. They take great delight in ridiculing others. These are referred to in the Bible as the wicked.

In this verse we find a clear distinction between the saved and the lost. The purified and the wicked. We are promised to have an understanding of what will take place when the end times come. While those who continue to be wicked will be fooled by their own delusions.

We can and should continue to pray for the lost. Yet in the end it reminds us of the saying. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't force them to drink.

Lord, give me the strength to pray and walk away.

**Thursday: 31.12.20**  
**Proverbs 27:17**

How often have we learned something new. Not from a teacher or someone we recognise as an instructor. But more likely a family members or a friend. We gain an insight or understanding that we didn't have.

This unique and wonderfully worded verse describes to us the way in which words can sharpen us. The book of Proverbs is full of these little gems.

The next time you are talking to someone, take time to see if they are teaching you. Their words may seem to be on an every day topic. Yet the information you gain, or even offer, can be a blessing.

May my words be a blessing to others.

**Friday: 01/01/21**  
**Colossians 3:12**

Okay, you are heading out into the big brave world. You have taken time to make sure you are properly dressed. Hair and teeth brushed. Always eager to make a good impression on those you meet through the day.

Yet this only covers the exterior. What about the inner person that can make a deeper impression than any window dressing could ever do.

The world focuses on the exterior appearance. While the Bible teaches us it is the inner beauty that is most important. Clothe yourselves with, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Let your inner light shines brightly. So the world will know you are saved.

Lord, let me look in my spiritual mirror each day.

**Saturday: 02/01/21**  
**1 Timothy 6:7-8**

We really bring nothing into the world and we truly take nothing with us when we die. Our level of contentment while here is perhaps based on where our expectations are placed.

If we only see what we do not have here and now and continue to pine for what we do not have; we will never be content. Yet, if we take a long term view of possessions, we will recognise that there is so much more in store for us in heaven.

Are we really satisfied with what we have? Or are we still day dreaming of the things that we secretly are jealous for?

Lord, may I be content with what I have.

## *Patience*

GOD IS  
*patient*

It was the Lords Love,  
that first sought me in my darkest places.

While it was my cold fear,  
that kept me moving away from him.

It was his gift of Grace,  
that held forth the warm light of safety.

And yet it was guilt and shame,  
that kept my eyes tightly closed.

There was the hushed voice of the Holy Spirit,  
that called my name.

But it was my stubborn heart ,  
that held my hand's over my ears.

With patience, my saviour comforted me,  
and redeemed my soul.

And with gratefulness I surrender,  
to his tender mercies.

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## Six days to Sunday



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*We believe in the Bible over all of life  
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*